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## **WEST JORDAN COURTHOUSE TO OPEN IN JUNE**

A new West Jordan Courthouse is set to open its doors for business on Monday, June 20, 2005. The 112,000 sq. ft. courthouse will be the second largest courthouse in Utah with a 12-courtroom configuration. The courthouse will administer cases from the Sandy and West Valley City courthouses and will expand operations to administer court functions that historically haven't been available at these locations.

Since the ground breaking on the courthouse took place November 2003, work has been steady to build the facility. The courthouse will include six third district courtrooms--including two unfinished courtrooms--and six third district juvenile courtrooms, one of which will be unfinished. In addition, alternative dispute resolution and mediation rooms will be located in the courthouse and are designed to minimize the formality of the courtroom setting. Space for the District Attorney's office will also be available in the courthouse.

### **MOVING DAY**

Employees of the Sandy and West Valley City courthouses will move into the West Jordan Courthouse during the week of June 13.

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The Sandy Courthouse will close for business on June 10 at 5:00 p.m. The West Valley City courthouse is expected to close as a District Court site in the Fall of 2005 and re-open as a central location for Juvenile Probation Services.

Both courthouses will re-open for business at the West Jordan Courthouse on June 20 at 8:00 a.m.

### **CALL OR STOP BY AFTER JUNE 20**

Address: 8080 Redwood Road

District Court: (801) 233-9700

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## COURTS PUBLIC ART

In March 2004, the Utah Public Art Program--in cooperation with the Utah State Division of Facilities Construction and Management--sent out a call for entries to artists interested in creating site specific public art for the new West Jordan District Court.



*Example of artwork similar to what will be displayed at the West Jordan Courthouse*

Seventy-four artists from across the country submitted applications for the public art project. A community-based Art Selection Committee reviewed the applications and narrowed the list down to four finalists who were invited to present their proposal to the committee.

The artist selected was Doug Soelberg of Orem, Utah. Mr. Soelberg has created a 24' tall by 48' long glass art piece that will be suspended at the entrance to the new courthouse. The rendering will be comprised of color glass and lead lines used in an abstract and con-

temporary way. The concept of the art is to show the tension between the solid societal system and the imperfect human individual.

The Public Art Program of the Utah Arts Council was created in 1985 through the passage of the "Utah Percent for Art Act." Through this program, more than 150 artists' work has been commissioned and placed in state buildings throughout Utah.

## ARCHITECTURE

The Utah State Division of Facilities Construction and Management retained the Utah-based firm of GSBS Architects to design the new courthouse. GSBS specializes in justice facilities and has worked on court projects throughout Utah. The exterior of the building is designed to convey the dignity and importance of the judicial system in our democratic government. Brick and stone are the primary building materials with a copper roof for the pyramid element above the entrance.

Okland Construction Company was the project contractor.

## COURTHOUSE FLOOR PLAN

